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UNITED STATES

FOIPA Request No.: 1319346-002
Subject: MYERSON, BESS

Dear Mr. Delaware:

You were previously advised we were consulting with another agency concerning information located as a result of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request.

This consultation is complete and the enclosed material is being released to you with deletions made pursuant to Title 5, United States Code, Section 552 as noted below. See the enclosed form for an explanation of these exemptions.

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7 pages were reviewed and 7 pages are being released.

☒ As a result of having completed consultation with the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), excisions were made by the CIA pursuant to Title 5, United States Code, Section 552, subsection (b)(3), National Security Act of 1947 and the CIA Act of 1949. Enclosed is a copy of the CIA's explanation of exemptions. The CIA official responsible for the CIA's determination is the Information and Privacy Coordinator. You have the right to appeal their decision by addressing your appeal to the CIA Information Review Committee, Washington, D.C. 20505. Should you decide to do this, please explain the basis of your appeal.

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. See 5 U.S. C. § 552(c) (2006 & Supp. IV (2010)). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

For questions regarding our determinations, visit the www.fbi.gov/foia website under "Contact Us." The FOIPA Request Number listed above has been assigned to your request. Please use this number in all correspondence concerning your request. Your patience is appreciated.

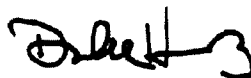
You may file an appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), United States Department of Justice, Suite 11050, 1425 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20530-0001, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIAonline portal by creating an account on the following web site: <https://foiaonline.regulations.gov/foia/action/public/home>. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within sixty (60) days from the date of this letter in order to be considered timely. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." Please cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so that it may be easily identified.

You may seek dispute resolution services by contacting the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at 877-684-6448, or by emailing ogis@nara.gov. Alternatively, you may contact the FBI's FOIA Public Liaison by emailing foipaquestions@ic.fbi.gov. If you submit your dispute resolution correspondence by email, the subject heading should clearly state "Dispute Resolution Services." Please also cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so that it may be easily identified.

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See additional information which follows.

Sincerely,



David M. Hardy
Section Chief,
Record/Information
Dissemination Section
Records Management Division

Enclosures

EXPLANATION OF EXEMPTIONS

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552

- (b)(1) (A) specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and (B) are in fact properly classified to such Executive order;
- (b)(2) related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency;
- (b)(3) specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than section 552b of this title), provided that such statute (A) requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on issue, or (B) establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld;
- (b)(4) trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential;
- (b)(5) inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency;
- (b)(6) personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;
- (b)(7) records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information (A) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, (B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, (C) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, (D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of confidential source, including a State, local, or foreign agency or authority or any private institution which furnished information on a confidential basis, and, in the case of record or information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation, or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, information furnished by a confidential source, (E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law, or (F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual;
- (b)(8) contained in or related to examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of an agency responsible for the regulation or supervision of financial institutions; or
- (b)(9) geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552a

- (d)(5) information compiled in reasonable anticipation of a civil action proceeding;
- (j)(2) material reporting investigative efforts pertaining to the enforcement of criminal law including efforts to prevent, control, or reduce crime or apprehend criminals;
- (k)(1) information which is currently and properly classified pursuant to an Executive order in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy, for example, information involving intelligence sources or methods;
- (k)(2) investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes, other than criminal, which did not result in loss of a right, benefit or privilege under Federal programs, or which would identify a source who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(3) material maintained in connection with providing protective services to the President of the United States or any other individual pursuant to the authority of Title 18, United States Code, Section 3056;
- (k)(4) required by statute to be maintained and used solely as statistical records;
- (k)(5) investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for Federal civilian employment or for access to classified information, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(6) testing or examination material used to determine individual qualifications for appointment or promotion in Federal Government service the release of which would compromise the testing or examination process;
- (k)(7) material used to determine potential for promotion in the armed services, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished the material pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence.

CIA EXPLANATION OF EXEMPTIONS

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT:

- (b)(1) applies to material which is properly classified pursuant to an Executive order in the interest of national defense or foreign policy;
- (b)(2) applies to information which pertains solely to the internal rules and practices of the Agency;
- (b)(3) applies to the Director's statutory obligations to protect from disclosure intelligence sources and methods, as well as the organization, functions, names, official titles, salaries or numbers of personnel employed by the Agency, in accord with the National Security Act of 1947 and the CIA Act of 1949, respectively;
- (b)(4) applies to information such as trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person on a privileged or confidential basis;
- (b)(5) applies to inter- and intra-agency memoranda which are advisory in nature;
- (b)(6) applies to information release of which would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy of other individuals; and
- (b)(7) applies to investigatory records, release of which could (C) constitute an unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of others, (D) disclose the identity of a confidential source, (E) disclose investigative techniques and procedures, or (F) endanger the life or physical safety of law enforcement personnel.

PRIVACY ACT:

- (b) applies to information concerning other individuals which may not be released without their written consent;
- (j)(1) applies to polygraph records; documents or segregable portions of documents, release of which would disclose intelligence sources and methods, including names of certain Agency employees and organizational components; and, documents or information provided by foreign governments;
- (k)(1) applies to information and material properly classified pursuant to and Executive order in the interest of national defense or foreign policy;
- (k)(5) applies to investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for Federal civilian employment, or access to classified information, release of which would disclose a confidential source; and
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September 7, 1976

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Summary

The information in this summary memorandum supplements the information contained in a summary memorandum dated August 27, 1976. *NY*

Marital Status

The summary memorandum dated August 27, 1976, reports Miss Myerson advised she married Allan Wayne in 1946 and that Mr. Wayne died in 1962, and that she married Arnold M. Grant in 1962 and was divorced from him in 1971.

Arnold M. Grant, attorney in New York, New York, advised that he married Miss Myerson on June 16, 1962, and filed for divorce from her in 1971 in Nevada, exact city not recalled. He said that Miss Myerson subsequently filed a counter divorce suit in New York, New York, requesting settlement and alimony. Mr. Grant said that after affidavits were filed by both Miss Myerson and himself, she dropped her counter suit. He said the reason she dropped the suit was because he had too much proof for her to win a settlement and/or alimony. Mr. Grant said that all of his associates who are knowledgeable concerning Miss Myerson consider her to be a "bitch". He said that she is "hard as nails, a liar, a thief, and an adulteress". He further stated that unlike most celebrities, Miss Myerson asks for, and receives, remuneration for her speeches at charity drives. Mr. Grant advised that the aforementioned statements were his grounds for their divorce and that Miss Myerson's first and last interest in everything she does is "what she can get out of it." He further stated that [REDACTED]

Mr. Grant declined to suggest any manner in which his statements could be substantiated, nor would he suggest names of any individuals who could verify his statements, and declined to comment further. *W.H. SP*

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The docket records of the Civil Branch of the New York State Supreme Court for New York County, New York, New York, disclose a divorce action was filed on July 31, 1970, by the plaintiff, Arnold M. Grant, against Miss Myerson. This matter was discontinued on October 20, 1970, upon the filing of reconciliation papers. No further information is available concerning this record.

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Records of the Bureau of Vital Statistics for the State of Nevada, Carson City, Nevada, disclose no listing of a divorce action concerning Miss Myerson and Arnold M. Grant in the state-wide divorce index covering the period 1968 to 1975.

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Agency Checks

Information has been received from the United States Secret Service indicating its files contain no record concerning Miss Myerson.

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BESS MYERSON
SPECIAL INQUIRY
BUDED: 8/20/76

Re Bureau teletype to WFO, 8/16/76, and
Bureau telephone call to Alexandria, 8/23/76.

SC [redacted] caused a search to be
made of the files of the Central Intelligence Agency
(CIA), Langley, Va., and was advised on 8/27/76 that

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